



# University Honors Program

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*American University, School of Communication*

## Honors Requirements

- Students must maintain a cumulative **3.50 GPA** to graduate with University Honors
  - Students admitted to the Honors Program as incoming Freshmen have to **complete 30 Honors course credits to graduate with Honors**. At least 12 of these 30 credits should be upper-level (300 and above) Honors credits including an Honors capstone.
  - **University Honors in Communication: Minimum of 12 credits must be in SOC**
    - I. Level I Options (100-200 level Honors courses): **No Minimum**
    - II. Level II Options (300– or above level Honors Classes in Communications): **9 credits**
    - III. Level III Options: Honors Capstone: **3 credits**

**Option A:** The student registers for COMM 490 Independent Study Project in Communication; "Honors" should appear in the second-line title on the course registration form, and the Capstone should be supervised by a faculty member in SOC.

**Option B:** The student registers for an Advanced Communication course (3 credits) and completes the course with a Capstone Supplement that links a major paper or project to the course material.
  - The SOC Offers:
    - At least 1 section of Understanding Media every Fall and Spring semester
    - At least 1 section of Writing for Mass Communication every Fall and Spring semester
    - At least 2 Honors colloquia courses every Fall and Spring semester
  - **On-line Honors Requirement Worksheet:** Current Honors students can review the Honors courses they have completed and how many Honors credits they have left to complete with the on-line "Honors Requirement Worksheet". To view your Honors requirements, log on to your portal ([my.american.edu](http://my.american.edu)). Under "Academics" you will find a link called "Honors Requirement Worksheet". If you see incorrect information on your worksheet, please email the corrections to [honors@american.edu](mailto:honors@american.edu). Honors courses for which you're currently enrolled may not appear on your worksheet until the following semester.
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